

School Led Day Trip Suggestions & Descriptions

Please note: This day is typically the Sunday before arrival or the Wednesday, Friday or Saturday after your program and/or trip departure. The following are suggestions if your group would like to experience more beyond our environmental education program in Savannah and on Tybee Island. To ensure a smooth day, please make reservations and plans in advance of your trip.

SAVANNAH TRIP

Savannah offers plenty of fun and historical options for the day! Savannah has many activities to do during the day. Many people who visit Savannah enjoy the different tours that are offered such as the trolley tours around the city, historical walking tours and checking out a few museums in the city. There are many restaurants that can accommodate large groups, please make sure that reservations are made in advance. You are in charge of providing transportation and booking your Savannah reservations beforehand. Please make sure to call the City of Savannah for permits to park buses too.

Website: <https://www.savannah.com/savannah-river-street/>

FORT PULASKI TOUR

Learn about a chapter of Georgia's military history at Fort Pulaski. Visit this fort that was used in the Civil War to get a close up look at what military life in the 1860's was like. Take a guided tour or walk around on your own to explore the ins and outs of this historic site. Check out the visitors center for more history of the fort and information about tours. There are also nature trails around the fort to utilize. Just remember your bug spray!

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/fopu/index.htm>

TYBEE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Take a tour of the historic Tybee Island Lighthouse. This lighthouse is located just a 5 minute drive from the Burton 4-H Center. Tours usually last about 1.5 hours and groups of more than 10 people require an advance reservation. Enjoy spectacular views from the top of the tower and learn about the history of Georgia's oldest and tallest lighthouse!

Website: <https://www.tybeelighthouse.org/>

DOLPHIN CRUISE

Dolphin cruises launch from a dock just 10 minutes down the road from Burton 4-H Center. Cruises last between 1-1.5 hours. See dolphins in their natural environment up close and personal. The cruises are narrated by the captain and first mate and are packed with great information and dolphin facts. Not only is this cruise fun, but it's also educational! Call ahead for group reservations.

Website: <https://tybeedolphinadventure.com/>

DISCOVERY CRUISE

This cruise explores all the wildlife that calls coastal Georgia home. Similar to the dolphin cruise, this experience covers a variety of wildlife. These cruises are also narrated by local experts, so you'll leave with a better understanding of coastal Georgia and its ecology. This cruise is a great activity to either prepare for a Burton stay or to wrap one up. Call ahead for reservations.

Website: <https://www.bullriver.com/>

HISTORIC TROLLEY TOUR SAVANNAH

Old Savannah Tours offers different tours to cater to the experience you are looking for. Hop aboard a trolley and cruise through Savannah's historic district and learn about the rich history of the city. Tour times are flexible and new tours start throughout the day. Call ahead for more information and to book large groups.

Website: <https://www.oldsavannahtours.com/>

GHOST TOUR SAVANNAH

Experience America's most haunted city and see how it got that spooky reputation. This tour will bring you to some of the city's creepiest locations and is suitable for all ages. Take a trip into the past as you learn about the haunted history of Savannah's most iconic spots. Tours last around 90 minutes and start later in the evening. Call ahead for more information and to book large groups.

Website: <https://ghostcitytours.com/savannah/ghost-tours/grave-tales-tour/>

OATLAND ISLAND WILDLIFE CENTER

Visit this wildlife center to get a chance to see all kinds of wild animals up close. You will get to see wolves, many different birds of prey, and even bison! A great education opportunity that is fun as well. Oatland Island Wildlife Center is located about a 20 minute drive from Burton 4-H Center. Make a reservation for a specific school program in advance or walk through the exhibits on your own.

Website: <http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/oat/default.aspx>

SAVANNAH WILDLIFE REFUGE

Located 7 miles north of downtown Savannah, this wildlife refuge offers a great opportunity to visit a protected and wild environment. There are many trails to explore and give great vantage points to catch a glimpse of some of the wildlife this area has to offer. This includes a huge variety of birds and waterfowl, bobcats, and alligators, just to name a few. Call the visitor center ahead of time for more information on large groups.

Website: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah/>

JULIETTE GORDON LOW BIRTHPLACE

Visit the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girls Scouts. This historic home is located in downtown Savannah. All tours are guided and last about 45 minutes. This is a popular destination in Savannah, so reserving tickets in advance online is highly recommended. This activity could be scheduled as part of an afternoon in Savannah. The house is closed Sundays.

Website: <http://www.juliettegordonlowbirthplace.org/>

SEA KAYAK & PADDLE BOARDING

Located on Tybee Island, Sea Kayak Georgia offers kayak and paddle board rentals for groups looking to explore the Georgia coast from the water. Guided tours for groups up to 50 are available. You can use kayaks or paddle boards, whichever you want. Tours include educational information about Georgia's marshes and surrounding environment. It is best to make reservations as far in advance as possible.

Website: <https://www.seakayakgeorgia.com/>

SHIPS OF THE SEA MARITIME MUSEUM

The Ships of the Sea museum in downtown Savannah is a mariner's dream. This museum is packed with model boats, old paintings, and historical artifacts dating back to the 18th century. Immerse yourself in maritime history and learn something new! The museum offers group tours and programs that focus on a specific topic as well. Call well in advance to book a group and learn more about what programs they are currently offering.

Website: <https://www.shipsofthesea.org/>

MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE MUSEUM

This museum is an awesome experience for anyone! They offer guided or non-guided tours with exhibits, interactive displays, and artifacts to check out. They also offer an impressive collection of aviation art. Located near the Savannah/Hilton Head airport, this museum will keep you occupied for hours!

Website: <https://www.mightyeighth.org/>